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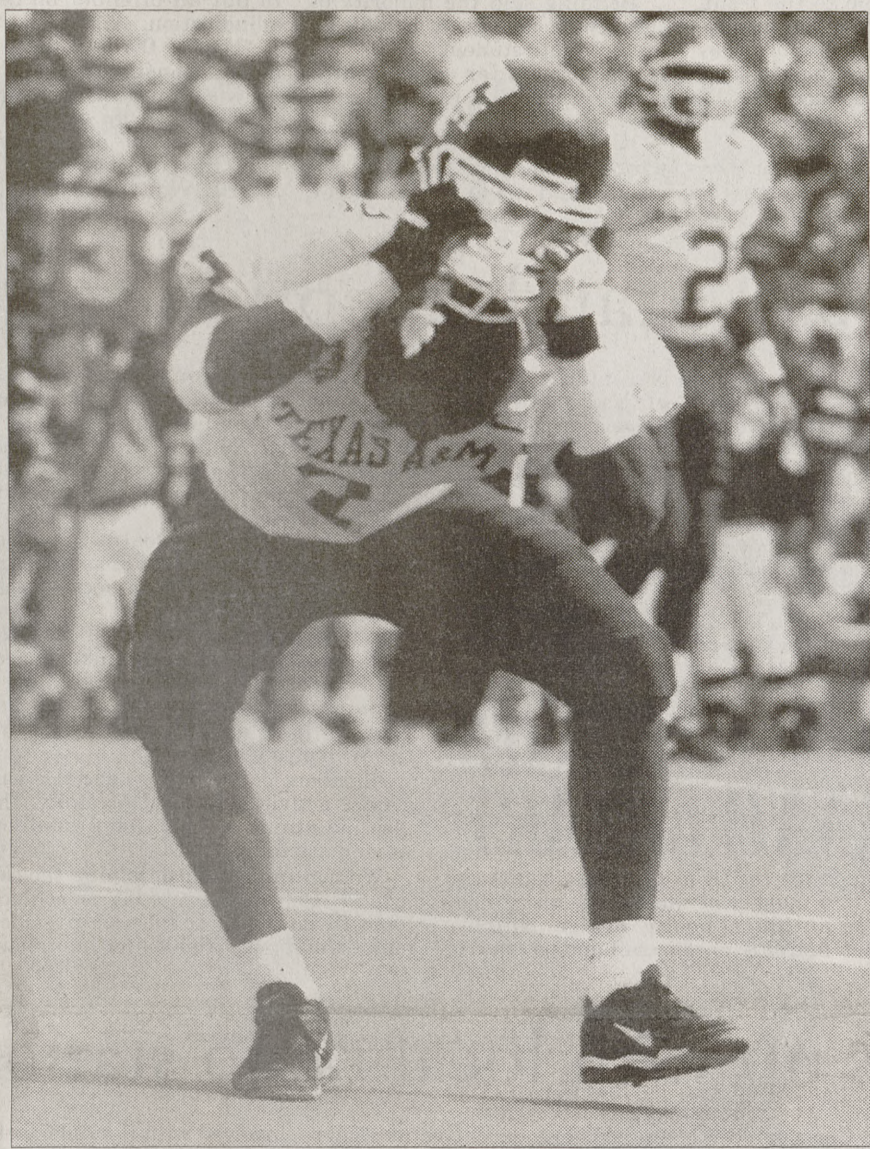


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Wide receiver Chris Sanders throws his helmet down in disgust after dropping a pass in the second quarter of the Aggie game in Boulder, Colo. Saturday.

Rocked in Boulder Aggies fall to Buffaloes 29-21

Saturday's loss blew the hope of a national championship right out of A&M's hands.

By Nick Georgandis THE BATTALION

BOULDER — "I can't sum it up. There is too much disappointment." Texas A&M junior offensive guard Calvin Collins' words defined the feelings of the Aggie football team Saturday.

In a game of big plays, the Buffaloes made more and made the most of their opportunities, while A&M repeatedly missed chances to sway the game in its favor.

"This is a great disappointment for our team," A&M Head Football Coach R.C. Slocum said.

"With the mistakes we made, you couldn't have won that caliber of ball game."

The Aggies' downfall in the game was the team's inability to get on track offensively. The Buffaloes keyed on stopping junior Heisman Trophy candidate Leland McElroy from the opening kickoff, forcing the Aggies to rely solely on their passing game to move the ball.

"They really focused on our run-

ning game," Slocum said. "They put five linemen up there; they had some big people pushing on our line."

McElroy was limited to 52 yards on 23 carries and caught one pass for 27 yards.

With his part of the offensive attack all but eliminated, senior quarterback Corey Pullig became the focal point of the offense.

Pullig completed 15-of-31 passes for 188 yards, but could have had several more completions had it not been for numerous drops by his receivers.

Senior wide receiver Chris Sanders dropped a ball on a third-and-short play early in the second quarter with A&M trailing 10-7. Had Sanders have caught the ball, he would have had an easy streak to the end zone.

Instead, A&M was forced to punt, and Colorado marched down the field in seven plays to take a 17-7 lead.

"I think we can pass with anybody," Sanders said.

"I dropped an early pass that probably would have been a score. We saw their defense on film, but on film and in person are two very different things."

Freshman wide receiver Albert Connell was also guilty of a costly drop. With 36 seconds left in the first quarter and A&M up 7-3, Pullig hit Connell in the numbers for an apparent first down at the

A&M 34-yard line. Connell tipped the ball, and it was intercepted by Colorado cornerback Elton Davis.

Davis returned the ball to the A&M one-yard line before being knocked out of bounds by Pullig. Two plays later, quarterback John Hessler scored on a one-yard rush to give Colorado its first lead.



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Collins said that the team's inability to take care of the little things on each play hurt them in the long run.

"We talked all week about execution," Collins said. "We just kept missing details on certain plays, and they took advantage of that."

The Aggies seemed to have the game well in hand in the first quarter. Defensive tackle David Maxwell scored his first career touchdown when he recovered a Koy Detmer fumble in the end zone to give the Aggies a 7-0 lead.

On Colorado's next possession,

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Linking Russian, American schools

Educator looks to A&M as model

Vassily Okorokov, dean of a graduate school of management in St. Petersburg, Russia, visited A&M Friday to discuss a growing partnership with his school.

By Tara Wilkinson THE BATTALION

Russian educators interested in the development of free enterprise in Russia are looking to Texas A&M as a model and a partner.

Vassily Okorokov, dean of the Russian-American Graduate School of Management in St. Petersburg, Russia, visited A&M Friday to discuss a growing partnership between his school, A&M and the University of Texas at Dallas.

The Russian-American Graduate School of Management was established last year at St. Petersburg State Technical University, SPSTU, with the support of a \$300,000 two-year grant from the United States Information Agency.

Closely affiliated with UT-Dallas since 1989, SPSTU accepted A&M as a second partner when

the business program began. A&M's Center for International Business Studies helped the Russian-American business school by sending 2,000 textbooks to St. Petersburg. Supplies such as quality books are expensive and difficult to acquire in Russia.

"This is most important for the development of our school," Okorokov said.

A&M's and UT-Dallas' participation in the Russian-American business program, which will include the exchange of Russian and American professors and students, is expected to grow and develop as the newly formed program gains momentum.

"My first impression of A&M was very fantastic," Okorokov said. "I had not realized you had such a great university, because it's in such a simple city. In my opinion, A&M is a model for the universities of the next century."

With a warm smile, Okorokov corrected one A&M faculty member who referred to the new program as the "Russians' school."

"No," he said, gesturing across to table to his A&M partners. "It is our school."

Students from SPSTU, the top technological

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Tim Moog, THE BATTALION

Vassily Okorokov speaks to media representatives on campus Friday.

College of Geosciences participates globally

Three Russian students are studying American oil and gas industry operations at A&M.

By Michelle Lyons THE BATTALION

For the third consecutive year, the Texas A&M College of Geosciences is taking part in a foreign exchange student program.

Alexei Gorbounov, Sergei Parkhomenko and Elena Tchernova are Russian students who were chosen to study geosciences at A&M. Seven others are currently

studying at the University of Texas at Austin.

The program is sponsored by six American oil and gas corporations: Mobil, Texaco, Amoco, Conoco, Exxon and Cyprus Amax Minerals.

Students will study for a year as non-degree seeking students and then intern with one of the six sponsors for ten weeks.

Dr. Karl Koenig, faculty adviser for Russian Geoscience Exchange Studies and a geology professor, said the students compete for the opportunity against 40 students, all of whom have a geoscience bachelor's degree from a Russian university.

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Beutel's Isdale finds Dial-A-Nurse program successful

Most calls to the new phone line have been for minor illnesses.

By Melissa Keerins THE BATTALION

The Dial-A-Nurse program at the A.P. Beutel Health Center has been busy, receiving an average of 16 calls a night.

Dr. Lucille Isdale, health center director, said she thinks the Dial-A-Nurse program is functional and expects more students to call in upcoming weeks.

"I anticipate that utilization will go up after more students know that Dial-A-Nurse is avail-

able," Isdale said. Sharon Arnold, assistant director for nursing services, said most calls are non-emergency situations, which the nurses prefer.

"We want students to call 911 right away if it is an emergency," Arnold said.

Arnold said most of the calls have involved upper-respiratory infections, rashes, lacerations and upset stomachs.

The nurse on duty will recommend several options for the student to choose from.

Arnold said the nurses will be cautious over the phone because it is difficult to assess what they cannot see. She also said the nurses try to follow-up on the calls.

"We check to see if the student

came in the next day," she said, "and if they didn't we try to call them. If it was a serious call, we would like the students to get in touch with us and let us know they are all right."

When students call, they are asked for their name and student I.D. number. The nurses' phone has an automatic display to tell them the phone number the student is calling from.

"This way, in a worst case sce-



nario, if we have a student who is a danger to themselves we can immediately call 911 and then keep them on the line," Arnold said.

The nurses have guidelines on almost everything a student could call about, she said. For example, if a student calls with a drug overdose, the nurse will tell them to call 911 or the nurses will call for them.

Anna Wolfe, a freshman biomedical science major, said Dial-

A-Nurse was helpful. "The nurse was real nice and real sympathetic, like my mom would be," Wolfe said.

Wolfe said she did not know about Dial-A-Nurse, but called information to see if there was after-hours care and then called the health center.

Amy Dosen-Black, a junior business major, said Dial-A-Nurse was helpful because she lives off-campus, and did not have to drive to health center.

"It was helpful because, basically, I did not know if it was an emergency or not," Dosen-Black said. "The nurse gave me some good advice and told me it wasn't an emergency and I could wait until morning."

Dosen-Black said she remembered reading about Dial-A-Nurse and called the health center.

Students can call the health center between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 24 hours on Saturday and Sunday.

Correction:

In a Page 1 story in The Battalion Thursday the Liberal Arts Council was misidentified as the Liberal Arts Student Council. The story should have said the College Republicans attributed a Liberal Arts Council decision to the Faculty Senate.